

Video 1: introduction to polymorphism and function overloading

Polymorphism

- Literally, it means "many forms".
- The ability for one "piece" of code to behave differently depending on how it is used.
- Ironically, there are many forms of polymorphism.
 - Function overloading** (Ad-hoc Polymorphism)
 - Templates** (Parametric Polymorphism)
 - Subtype Polymorphism**

Almost always, when people say "polymorphism", they mean subtype polymorphism.

Function Overloading

- Ad-hoc Polymorphism is the use of function overloading for a **single name** to represent **many functions** within a single scope.

```
int main() {
    Base b;
    b.foo(42);
    b.foo("test");
}

class Base {
public:
    int x;
    void foo(int a);
    int foo(string b);
    void bar(Duck *c);
};

class Derived : public Base {
public:
    void x();
    int foo(int a);
    int foo(string b);
    void bar(bool c);
};
```

This one is separate, because it's in a different scope.

Function Overloading

- Several functions in one scope with the **same name**, but different **signatures**.
- A function's signature includes its name and parameter types, but not return type.

```
int add(int x, int y) {
    return x + y;
}

int main() {
    int z = add(2, 3);
    Matrix a;
    Matrix b;
    Matrix c = add(a, b);
}
```

REQUIRES x and y have the same dimensions
Matrix add(const Matrix &x, const Matrix &y) {
 // create a return a matrix containing the
 // element-by-element sum of x and y.
}

Function Overloading

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- For member functions, also **const** vs non-**const**.

```
class Matrix {
    int * at(int x, int y) {
        ...
    }
    const int * at(int x, int y) const {
        ...
    }
};

int main() {
    Matrix mat;
    mat.at(1, 1);
    const Matrix cMat;
    cMat.at(1, 4);
}
```

Video 2: operator overloading

- ### Operator Overloading
- A philosophy of C++ is that user-defined types should have just as much support as built-in types.
 - We can use operators (e.g. `+`, `-`, `[]`, etc.) with our own types too!
 - To do this, we just have to tell C++ what we want each operator to do.
 - The mechanism for this is **operator overloading**.

Operator Overloading

- Think of an operator like a function call.

```
x + y
operator+(x,y)

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    int y = 4;
    int z = x + y;
}

Matrix a;
Matrix b;
Matrix c = a + b;

Card c1;
Card c2;
Card c3 = c1 + c2;
```

the appendices that has some more information

Insertion Operator Overloading

- To make our custom types "printable", we need them to work with the `<<` operator.
- Just specify a **non-member** function named `operator<<`.

```
class Card {
    ...
};

std::ostream &operator<<(std::ostream &os, const Card &s);

int main() {
    Card card;
    cout << card << endl;
}
```

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Exercise

Let's upgrade `Pixel` from project 2 to a `class` and add some overloaded operators:

- An overloaded `<<` operator that prints a pixel in the format `rgb(R, G, B)`
- An overloaded `-` operator that computes the squared difference of two pixels

Note that both operators are implemented as non-member functions. Starter code (and a few more instructions in the comments) is available on Lobster (L10.1_Pixel). Implement the operators so that the code in main works correctly.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class Pixel {
public:
    const int r;
    const int g;
    const int b;

    Pixel(int r, int g, int b)
        : r(r), g(g), b(b) { }

};

int squared_difference(const Pixel &p1, const Pixel &p2);
```

```
// TASK 1: Add an overloaded operator- that
// returns the squared difference between two
// pixels (you can just call squared_difference
// in your implementation)
```

```
int operator-(const Pixel &p1, const Pixel &p2) {
    return squared_difference(p1, p2);
}
```

```
// TASK 2: Add an overloaded operator<< that
// prints out the pixel in this format:
//   rgb({R}, {G}, {B})
```

```
ostream &operator<<(ostream &os, const Pixel &p) {
    os << "rgb(" << p.r << ", " << p.g
    << ", " << p.b << ")";
    return os;
}
```

```
int main() {
    Pixel p1(174, 129, 255);
    Pixel p2(166, 226, 46);

    cout << "p1: " << p1 << endl; // p1: rgb(174,129,255)
    cout << "p2: " << p2 << endl; // p2: rgb(166,226,46)

    cout << "sq diff: " << p2 - p1 << endl; // sq diff: 531
}
```

```
// From processing.cpp in P2 starter code
int squared_difference(const Pixel &p1, const Pixel &p2) {
    int dr = p2.r - p1.r;
    int dg = p2.g - p1.g;
    int db = p2.b - p1.b;
    // Divide by 100 is to avoid possible overflows
    // Later on in the algorithm.
    return (dr*dr + dg*dg + db*db) / 100;
}
```

Video 3: subtype polymorphism(upcasts and downcasts)

Subtype Polymorphism

- Subtype polymorphism allows a variable of the base type to potentially hold an object of a derived type.
- Well, almost...

What's wrong with this code?

Chicken is 12 bytes.
Bird is 8 bytes.

Subtype Polymorphism

- Problem:
Value semantics means this is trying to cram a Chicken's worth of data into the space for a Bird!

- Solution:
Use pointers or references to work with objects indirectly.

- A Bird* and a Chicken* take up the same amount of space! It's just an address.

1. This will technically compile and run – the result is a copy of just the Bird part of the Chicken.

Upcast vs. Downcast

- Is it safe to implicitly convert one pointer¹ type to another? The compiler uses this rule:

- Upcasts are safe (and will compile)

- Downcasts are NOT safe (and will not compile)

- For example:

int main() {
 Chicken c("Myrtle");
 Bird b = c;
}

this does involve though

int main() {
 Chicken c("Myrtle");
 Chicken *cptr = &c;
 Bird *bptr = cptr;
}

NO

YES

1. This will technically compile and run – the result is a copy of just the Bird part of the Chicken.

Exercise: Upcast vs. Downcast

Given the variables `a`, `b`, and `c`, and how many of the code snippets on the right are safe?

- A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3 E) 4

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 Bird *dptr = &d;

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Video 5: overriding

Overriding vs. Overloading

- Overriding
 - Allowing a subclass to redefine the behavior for one of its inherited methods.
- Overloading
 - A single name can refer to many different functions, depending on their parameter types.



Video 7: the liskov substitution principle

Subtypes vs. Derived Types

- Not all derived types are subtypes!
- Anything that inherits members is a derived type.
- A subtype must follow the is-a relationship.
- But what does the "is-a" relationship mean, exactly?

Liskov Substitution Principle

- If S is a subtype of T...
 - Any property of T should also be a property of S.
 - In any code that depends on T's interface, an object of type S can be substituted without any undesirable effects.



video 6: pure virtual functions and abstract classes

Awkward Bird

- Should we really have a class that is "just a bird"?
- There's no such thing. Real world birds all belong to a more specific kind.
- The talk() function is awkward. There's really no reason to pick "tweet".
- It's easy to imagine other functions for which the problem is worse.

```
class Bird {
private:
    int age;
    string name;
public:
    Bird(string name_in)
        : age(0), name(name_in) {
        cout << "Bird ctor" << endl;
    }
    ...
    virtual void talk() const {
        cout << "tweet" << endl;
    }
    virtual int getwingspan() const {
        return -1; // ???
    }
};
```

Pure Virtual Functions

- Instead, we can make some functions **pure virtual**.
- This means that the definition of the function is "there is no implementation".
- Bird is now an **abstract class**.
- You can't make any instances of an abstract class, but you wouldn't want to!
- Subclasses must **override** the function to provide an implementation.

```
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private:
    int age;
    string name;
public:
    Bird(string name_in)
        : age(0), name(name_in) {
        cout << "Bird ctor" << endl;
    }
    ...
    virtual void talk() const = 0;
    virtual int getwingspan() const = 0;
};
```

Interfaces

- An **interface** is a class where all functions are pure virtual.

```
class Shape {
public:
    virtual double area() const = 0;
    virtual double perimeter() const = 0;
    virtual void scale(double s) = 0;
};
```

- Other classes (e.g. Triangle, Rectangle) that derive from Shape are said to "implement" the Shape interface.

Inheriting Interfaces

- We've already seen one reason to use inheritance is to save on code duplication in classes with shared functionality.
- Another, equally important use is to create hierarchies of types that all implement a base class interface.
- Polymorphism allows functions or other code that work with the base interface to work with any object that inherits from it.
- An example of this from the Euclid project is that your driver code only needs to worry about working with **Player**, but it can then support any combination of simple or human players!

Dynamic Polymorphism

- With subtype polymorphism, we can make the decision on what type to use at runtime.

```
int main() {
    string color;
    cin >> color;
    Bird *bird = Bird_factory(color, "Myrtle");
    bird->haveBirthday();
    cout << "Bird " << bird->getName()
        << " is " << bird->getAge()
        << " and says: " << bird->talk() << endl;
    delete bird;
    cin >> color;
    bird = Bird_factory(color, "Heihei");
    cout << "Bird " << bird->getName()
        << " is " << bird->getAge()
        << " and says: " << bird->talk() << endl;
    delete bird;
}
```

The Factory Pattern

- A factory function is a function that creates and returns objects.

```
Bird *Bird_factory(const string &color,
                  const string &name) {
    if (color == "blue") {
        return new Bluebird(name);
    } else if (color == "black") {
        return new Raven(name);
    }
    ...
}
```

If we don't use the key word `new`, it will create a local variable which lifetime will dead after the function return. So we would be returning a pointer to a dead object.



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Example: Ducks

```
class Duck : public Bird {
    ...
    // EFFECTS: prints out quack
    void talk() const override {
        cout << "quack" << endl;
    }
};

class ToyDuck : public Duck {
    ...
    // EFFECTS: prints out quack if batteryLevel >= 10
    void talk() const override {
        if (batteryLevel >= 10) {
            cout << "quack" << endl;
            -batteryLevel;
        }
    }
};
```